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SUBJECT: REVISION OF CANADIAN POTATO STANDARDS

REF: (A) STATE 26100; (B) OTTAWA 2610

1. AGATT MET WITH GOC OFFICIALS REPRESENTING EXTAF, ITC AND CDA ON JUNE 3 TO RECEIVE REPLY TO DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONTAINED IN REFTEL A AND PRESENT TO GOC MAY 14.
2. GOC RESPONSE IS NEGATIVE. GOC ALSO REJECTED OPTION PROPOSED BY HATHAWAY AT BERGLAND/WHELAN MEETING ON MAY 18 TO CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE TO AUGUST 1 OR LATER. GOC DEFENDS ITS JULY 1 DATE ON BASIS THAT CALIFORNIA LONG WHITES ALREADY MEET NEW STANDARDS. GOC PRESENTED AGATT WITH SURVEY MADE MAY 24-27 COVERING 22 CARLOTS AT SIX MARKET POINTS (TORONTO, WINNIPEG, SASKATCHEWAN, EDMONTON, CALGARY AND VANCOUVER) IN WHICH ALL LOTS EXCEEDED THE 60 PERCENT TWO AND A QUARTER INCH MINIMUM, RANGING FROM 69 PERCENT TO 90 PERCENT.

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3. TEXT OF GOC RESPONSE FOLLOWS:

4. QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NUMBER 95 OF MAY 12, 1977 REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE MINIMUM SIZE REQUIREMENT ON MARKETINGS OF NUMBER 1 GRADE

LONG-TYPE NEW POTATOES.

5. QUOTE CANADIAN MARKETING REGULATIONS ARE FORMULATED TO REFLECT AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE THE SIZE AND QUALITY STANDARDS OF SUPERIOR PRODUCTS NORMALLY OFFERED FOR SALE BY CANADIAN PRODUCERS.

6. QUOTE THE PROPOSED REVISION TO THE CURRENT GRADE STANDARD IS INTENDED TO RECOGNIZE THE NATURE OF THE PRESENT CANADIAN MARKET FOR LONG-TYPE POTATOES. THE PREPONDERANT VOLUME OF CANADIAN PRODUCTION OF THIS TYPE OF POTATO PRESENTLY MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE PROPOSED STANDARD.

7. QUOTE WITH RESPECT TO IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF THIS TYPE OF POTATO, CANADIAN GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS CARRIED OUT A RANDOM SURVEY IN LATE MAY 1977 OF SHIPMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES. ALL SUCH PRODUCT ARRIVING ACROSS CANADA WAS FOUND TO MEET OR EXCEED THE PROPOSED STANDARD. THIS SITUATION NOTWITHSTANDING, IN CONFORMITY WITH PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNITED STATES EXPORTS, AN EXCEPTION TO THE STANDARD WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE IMPORT OF NEW POTATOES DURING THOSE MONTHS WHEN CANADIAN NEW POTATOES ARE NOT ABUNDANTLY AVAILABLE.

8. QUOTE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT ANTICIPATE THEREFORE THAT THE PATTERN OF TRADE WILL BE AFFECTED IN THE MANNER OUTLINED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE.

9. QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AVAILS
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ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE ENDERS

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